#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE KENTUCKY STATE BOARD ON ELECTRIC GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION SITING

#### In the Matter of:

HE APPLICATION OF THOROUGHBRED	)	
GENERATING COMPANY, LLC FOR A MERCHANT	)	CASE NO.
POWER PLANT CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE	)	2002-00150
IN MUHLENBERG COUNTY, KY	)	

# MOTION OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY, AND WESTERN KENTUCKY ENERGY CORPORATION FOR FULL INTERVENTION

Pursuant to KRS 278.702(3) and 807 KAR 5:110, Section 4, Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E"), Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU"), and Western Kentucky Energy Corporation ("WKE") respectfully request that they be granted full intervenor status in the above-captioned proceeding and state in support thereof as follows:

- 1. LG&E is a utility engaged in the electric and gas business. LG&E generates and purchases electricity, and distributes and sells electricity at retail in Jefferson County and portions of Bullitt, Hardin, Henry, Meade, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer and Trimble Counties. LG&E also purchases, stores and transports natural gas and distributes and sells natural gas at retail in Jefferson County and portions of Barren, Bullitt, Green, Hardin, Hart, Henry, Larue, Marion, Meade, Metcalfe, Nelson, Oldham, Shelby, Trimble and Washington Counties.
- 2. KU is a utility engaged in generating, transmitting and distributing electric service in communities and rural areas, including those communities listed below, in the following counties in Central, Northern, Southeastern and Western Kentucky:

Ohio Jessamine Adair Edmonson Knox Oldham Estill Anderson Larue Owen Fayette Ballard Laurel Pendleton Fleming Barren Pulaski Lee Bath Franklin Robertson Lincoln Bell Fulton Livingston Rockcastle Gallatin Bourbon Rowan Gerrard Lyon Boyle Russell Madison Grant Bracken Marion Scott Grayson Bullitt Shelby Green Mason Caldwell McCracken Spencer Hardin Campbell **Taylor** McCreary Carlisle Harlan Trimble McLean Harrison Carroll Union Mercer Hart Casey Washington Montgomery Christian Henderson Muhlenberg Webster Henry Clark Whitley Nelson Clay Hickman **Nicholas** Woodford Crittenden Hopkins **Daviess** 

- 3. WKE is a subsidiary of LG&E Energy Corp. WKE generates electricity at four stations it operates and maintains under a 25-year lease agreement with Big Rivers Electric Corp., which distributes power to several rural electrical cooperatives. In all, the power generated at the WKE plants provides electricity for customers in 22 western Kentucky counties.
- 4. The attorneys for LG&E, KU and WKE authorized to represent them in this proceeding and to take service of all documents are:

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- 5. On July 15, 2003, Thoroughbred Generating Company, LLC filed an application with the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting (the "Board") for a Certificate to Construct a Merchant Electric Generating Facility. Because of a filing deficiency, however, the statutory time period in which the Board must process the case did not commence until August 4, 2003. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:110, Section 4, a person may request leave to intervene within thirty days. As a result, the motion of LG&E, KU, and WKE to intervene is timely.
- 6. LG&E and KU have a special interest in this proceeding, because their transmission system and other aspects of their operations could be adversely affected by the proposed plant.
- 7. WKE has a special interest in this proceeding, because the proposed power plant will be connected to the electrical grid system though a 345 kV transmission line to the substation located at the D.B. Wilson plant, which is operated by WKE under a long-term lease.
- 8. No other person who is or may become a party to this proceeding would adequately represent or protect the interests of LG&E, KU or WKE, which are personal to them.
- 9. Full intervention by LG&E, KU, and WKE will also assist the Board in reaching its decision in this case without unduly interrupting the proceedings. The experience of LG&E, KU, and WKE in electric generation and transmission will allow them to contribute substantively to the discussions that will occur in this proceeding. LG&E, KU, and WKE also agree to accept the procedural schedule set forth in the Board's Order of August 19, 2003.

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WHEREFORE, Louisville Gas and Electric Company, Kentucky Utilities Company, and Western Kentucky Energy Corporation request that the Commission issue an order granting them full intervenor status.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Motion to Intervene was served on this day of August, 2003 by mailing a true and correct copy, by first-class postage prepaid mail, to the following:

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